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Winchester News accepted into Lion Sustainability Audits and Funding program

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Logos from the 45 Lion member news organizations selected for the final audit cycle for 2024. Provided by Lion Publishers. COURTESY PHOTO/LION

Winchester News is excited to announce that it is one of the final
members participating in the LION Sustainability Audits and Fun

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program this year.

The final audit cycle for 2024 runs from October to December and helps independent news businesses identify obstacles to reaching sustainability and provides both an action plan and funding to help overcome said obstacles. To date, more than half of Lion's total membership, 309 organizations, have taken part in the program.

Contact us with your story ideas: editor@WinchesterNews.org!

To participate, news businesses must fill out a comprehensive survey about their organization focused on such things as operational resilience, financial health and journalistic impact. They then meet with an expert who will gather additional data and write a report or action plan tailored to that organization.

Once the participant has the action plan, they meet again with the auditor to discuss. Finally, the news business will be invited to apply for a grant for up to $20,000 to implement any or all parts of the action plan.

The program is supported by the Knight Foundation and the Google News Initiative.

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Rep. Michael Day helps House colleagues pass sweeping energy affordability bill

The following was submitted by the Office of Rep. Michael S. Day: Rep. Michael S. Day and his colleagues in the House of Representatives recently passed energy affordability legislation that would result in over $9 billion in savings for utility ratepayers over the next 10 years. The bill maintains critical

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Winchester gun owners face new training rules starting April 2

Public safety data How Winchester compares on firearms licenses in comparable Massachusetts communities Active licenses as of Jan. 25, 2025 — Source: Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board License to carry firearms Firearms identification card Winchester and Marblehead are the focus communities. Peers selected based on comparable population size, demographics and suburban

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Sen. Jason Lewis, Mass. Senate strengthen fair housing protections for renters, buyers

The following was submitted by the Office of Sen. Jason Lewis: State Sen. Jason Lewis joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass legislation that protects residents from discrimination in the housing market as the Trump administration abandons its enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act. Illegal discrimination continues

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

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FEATURES

‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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